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TOP SECRET HANDLE VIA TALENT CONTROL SYSTEM ONLY

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Office of Naval Operations

Commanding Officer, Fleet Base, Naval Station, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean

Subject: Sanitization of Middle East Photography

Ref: (a) OPNAVSETAINST 003821.1 of April 1957
(b) CNO ltr ser NT-000173-5 of May 1957

1. Reference (b) is hereby cancelled.

2. The Utilization Advisory Board has liberalized procedures with respect to sanitizing TALENT photography of certain areas, such as the Middle East, not falling within the USSR or its satellites. The essential security objectives of sanitization procedures are to prevent identification of the source of the photography or its capabilities, particularly with respect to altitude, and to prevent reconstruction of the source's track from use of sanitized prints.

3. The following will pertain:

a. Concerning the material to be sanitized, there are no restrictions as to type of installation or area in contrast with the former restriction to airfields and certain amphibious landing areas.

b. Classification of material released from the TALENT System by proper sanitization will be SECRET/NOFORN with the exception noted in paragraph 4c. The former requirement for "Continued Control" is eliminated. Reproduced material will not mention TALENT or NOFORN or make any other reference to source.

c. Obliques, verticals, and uncontrolled mosaics made from selected and properly cropped prints may be sanitized. Positive transparencies may be sanitized similarly.

d. Scale must be changed by enlargement, the new scale being specified on the reproduced material. Vertical photographs will be enlarged to a scale within the range from 1:10,000 to 1:20,000 in the case of 42 materials, 1:10,000 to 1:18,000 in the case of 8 materials. The declared intent of such scale alteration is to prevent disclosure or determination of altitude, focal length, or original scale.

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5. One copy of each sanitized photograph of a living TALENT photography must be forwarded the TALENT Control Office in accordance with reference (a).

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